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PLEASE FURNISH TO INTERNATIONAL STAFF (SAS) FOLLOWING TEXT
AS RESUME OF TALK TO BE GIVEN AT WORKSHOP BY MR. ROBERT A.
MOORE.

QTE. THIS TALK WILL ADDRESS PRINCIPLES AND EXPLANATIONS
FOR CONSIDERATIONS OF TECHNOLOGY IN FORCE PLANNING, AND
WILL NOT TREAT THE NUMEROUS FORMAL PROCEDURES WITHIN
NATO AND WITHIN OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS UNDER WHICH
WE ADDRESS THIS TOPIC. WEAPON REQUIREMENTS, EXCEPT IN
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THE MOST GROSS SENSE, FOLLOW TECHNOLOGY AND ECONOMIC

POSSIBILITIES, AND VICE VERSA. TECHNOLOGY PROVIDES THE
MARKET BASKET OF WHAT WE CAN BUY TO MODERNIZE OUR FORCES,
WHILE ECONOMIES DICTATE WHAT, HOW MUCH, AND WHEN THESE
IDEAS WILL BE INTRODUCED. WE ARE AT A POINT
WHERE TRULY SIGNIFICANT POSSIBILITIES LIE BEFORE US, AND
THE NEED IS TO UNDERSTAND THEIR POTENTIAL FOR CHANGE
BEFORE WE BLINDLY REPLACE IN KIND. HOW DO WE DO THIS?
WE NEED FIELD EXPERIMENTATION TO DEFINE WHAT THE
CRITICAL BATTLEFIELD PERFORMANCE FEATURES ARE. WE NEED
THIS SAME FIELD EXPERIMENTATION AS WE INTRODUCE NEW
WEAPONS SO THAT WE MAY CHANGE OR ADAPT OUR EMPLOYMENTS AND

TACTICS AS WE LEARN HOW BEST TO USE THESE WEAPONS.
LASTLY, WE NEED HEIGHTENED INFORMATION AND RECOGNITION
OF THESE CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE FORCE PLANNING PROCEDURES
SO THAT THE GAINS, THE TRADEOFFS, AND THE COSTS CAN BE
REFLECTED IN THE NATIONAL AND ALLIANCE CHOICES. UNQTE.

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